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In re: Martina KOENIG *et al.*

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For: MULTILAYERED TUBULAR FOOD CASING HAVING BARRIER AND
TRANSFER PROPERTIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

Amendments to the Specification are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 8 of this paper.